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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YASUTOMO WATANABE )  
Application No.: 10/025,540 )  
Filed: December 26, 2001 )  
For: INK JET RECORDING HEAD )  
AND INK JET RECORDING )  
APPARATUS )  
Examiner: Michael S. Brooke  
Group Art Unit: 2853  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2002, imposing an election-of-species requirement in the above-identified case.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Office Action states that no claims are generic.

The Examiner alleged the existence of claims directed to three patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

1. - Species 1, shown by Fig. 1;
2. - Species 2, shown by Fig. 2; and
3. - Species 3, shown by Fig. 3.

Applicant hereby elects Species I, on which Claims 1-4 and 7-9 are readable, for prosecution on the merits.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

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